

REMARKS

This is a response to the office action mailed on July 13, 2005. Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 23 are pending. Claims 6 and 14 have been allowed.

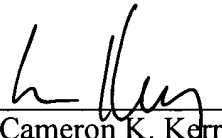
Without conceding to the merits of the rejections and to move the case into allowance, in lieu of placing allowed claims 6 and 14 into independent form, claim 6 has been added to independent claim 1 and claim 14 has been added to independent claim 8. Thus, claims 1 and 8 are in allowable form. Claims 2, 3, 7, 17, 20, and 21 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reason. Claims 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 22, and 23 depend from claim 8 and are allowable for at least the same reason. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (415) 954-0345.

Respectfully submitted,

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